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## MISS AGNES HOWARD RESIGNS

On July 21st Miss Agnes I. Howard, Out-Patient Department Supervisor, ends twelve years of service in this Hospital to return to her home in Guelph, Ont., Canada. She leaves behind a host of friends all of whom will greatly miss her and all of whom wish her good health and much happiness in the years to come.

She has been connected with H.S.S. in various capacities since 1937, but from 1944 to 1950 she has supervised the Clinics. No one needs to be told what an exacting job that is nor does anyone need to be reminded how efficiently that department has functioned under her tactful direction.

Of her years here she says: "About twelve years ago I was called for night duty on a private case in this Hospital. Did you ever wonder how a new nurse feels in a strange hospital working for a doctor she does not know? No matter how many years you do it you have flutterbys, so your reaction to a new hospital and its co-workers is judged by how fast the flutterbys pass. Do you know they had sailed out the window even before I had met my patient! Then and there I said, "this is the place in New York City I would prefer to work."

The other day someone asked me what changes I had seen in about twelve years and I have been thinking about it. There have been no changes in the Ruptured and Crippled Hospital. She has remained herself. True, the Dining Room has changed, this has been moved, and that disposed of. The Medical Division has really grown up by leaps and bounds. The Clinics have become more numerous, many dearly loved and respected folk about the place have gone on, but the old hospital has not changed. It is still taking flutterbys out of peoples' tummies!"

It was suggested to the artist that a familiar sight, one we will miss, is that pictured of Miss Howard "checking up on the schedules". But the artist, being a sister ailurophile, will more often and more fondly think of her this way. O.S.F.

## PERSONALITIES II

Dr. Carlos Khoury has fascinated me ever since I first met him in January, 1949. When men fascinate me, I make it a point to find out all I possibly can about them without becoming too much of a nuisance. I succeeded -- in obtaining information. As for the nuisance angle, please contact the doctor.

Dr. Khoury was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina approximately 32 years ago. One might say he was born with a thirst for knowledge since his mother was the Directress of St. Michel School and he was constantly surrounded by information. The task of raising and educating Dr. Khoury and his two older sisters fell upon the shoulders of Senora Khoury when her husband died six years after Dr. Khoury was born.

He went to private grade and high school in Buenos Aires and then to the University of Buenos Aires Medical School. While there, he served four months of Compulsory Military Training. As a student in college, he excelled in Rugby - a form of football in which the ball may be carried and from which American football has developed. He played as a forward and was captain of his team, "Sportive Francaise" for eight years, an International player for six years and captain of the International Argentina Rugby team for three years.

Dr. Khoury - at right - Captain of the Sportive Francaise, during an exciting moment of a game of Rugby in Argentina.

Dr. Khoury received his degree in March, 1943, and in 1945, he started his practice. He worked at the University Hospital and lectured on Orthopedic Surgery and practiced in French Hospital of Buenos Aires.

He first came to this country in July, 1948 as ship's doctor on an Argentinian Merchant Marine Ship to attend an International Convention in Poliomyelitis at the Waldorf-Astoria. He remained here for only four weeks and then returned home via the Merchant Marine.

In January, 1949, Dr. Philip D. Wilson granted a request and Dr. Khoury came to our Hospital. After seven weeks here he was then presented with a Fellowship for three months at a hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina for study in poliomyelitis. After the completion of this, he went to Gastonia Orthopedic Hospital in North Carolina for three more months. He then went to Georgia Warm Springs Foundation to work with the polio patients for four months. The next three months were spent at the Campbell Clinic in Memphis, Tennessee. Again, Dr. Wilson granted him a Fellowship for a year to start February, 1950. This was "merrily accepted".

He is the author of three books, "Hallux Valgus" ( for this, he received the Vittorio Putti prize for the best work in Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology for the three year period covering 1945-1947); "Osteomyelitis" and "Clinic Picture and Pathology of the Knee Joint".

His first toy was the St. Michel School's bell, and his first recollection of reading was: "What you dream of, you can do. Begin it!"

Dr. Khoury has this to add, "I believe that through the exchange of our professional young people we shall strengthen friendly feelings and it will be another step in the improvement of our understanding and our neighborly relations. Thus, we need stimulate a far greater measure of cultural interchange."

L.M.

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Social Service Notes

In spite of the scare-headlines, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Snyder have bravely set off for foreign ports. Gerry Young is visiting England where she expects to spend some time with Liz Montgomery. Val Snyder finally flew from LaGuardia Field to join her husband in Jedda, Arabia. The amazing speed of our overseas planes is almost incredible. She left on Sunday and expected to be in Cairo, Egypt, at noon the following Tuesday after stopping off in Newfoundland, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Athens. The Shades of Daedalus and Icarus are undoubtedly stupefied and not a little envious.

Believe it or not, that was not an invasion of DPs on June 29, but forty children coming in for last minute examinations before leaving for summer therapeutic care at the Southampton Fresh Air Home. On July 24, there will be another massing of fifty children for an exciting day at Palisades Park, New Jersey. The Police Athletic League very generously entertain handicapped and underprivileged children at either Steeplechase, Coney Island, or at Palisades Park. One need only see the tired but grinning and enthusiastic return of these children to realize what a day of free rides, cotton candy, frozen custard, et al means to them. We are greatly indebted to the Police Athletic League for helping us bring an adventurous diversion into the humdrum life of these children.

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## SURGICAL RESIDENTS

The following new residents have joined the Staff of this Hospital for a period of six months: Dr. Robert Fenger of Manhasset, Long Island, N.Y, and Dr. Charles Dyer of New London, Connecticut.

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It is a great pleasure to welcome Dr. Marilyn Schittone who has been appointed a Haematologist on the Staff of the Hospital.

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## ROTARY CLUB MONTHLY PARTY

Should you happen to pass Ward 3C the first Monday of any month you'll hear the sound of happy laughter, joyous singing, a piano playing - nothing like you'd think a hospital would sound! We do try to make it seem as much like home as possible but this - this is not our doing. Who is responsible? The Boys' Work Committee of the Rotary Club of New York, headed by Arthur Hucks. Yes, these gentlemen have been bringing a bright ray of sunshine into the hearts of our children, for years, formerly on the Boy's Ward when it was on 6B, and for months now to both boys and girls on 3C.

About 2:30 P.M. Mr. Hugh Dunning enters bearing a huge beautiful cake which he passes around for everyone to see amidst "Ohs" and "Ahs". If there is a holiday, like Christmas, Washington's Birthday etc., the decorations on the cake suit the occasion. If not, beautiful flowers, rural scenes, birds etc., decorate the cake, and, whoever had a birthday that month finds himself singled out and the strains of "Happy Birthday" ring out!

Along with Mr. Dunning come Sid Turner, Max Schling, Jr., and Spencer Johnson, with great big smiles on their faces, loaded down with big balloons, which they blow up, and tie, crazy, cute hats which they pass around and put on the kiddies, handing out big pieces of cake and icecream to make it a real party!

While everyone is trying to sing and talk and laugh with a mouthful, Mr. Walter Scott Shinn ( who we know must love children since he photographs them for a living, and very beautifully too) ably assisted by his cute little puppy (well, puppet which he manipulates with his hands so well that you just have to think of him as real) walks among the crowd playfully having the puppy snuggle up to them, or bite them, or climb up their arm, or leg, making the children just squeal with delight. Quite often these men bring along famous talented performers, and there is always a piano player.

So we all add our heartfelt thanks to all of the children, who say "Thank you ever and ever so much" to Mr. Louis J. Jaffee, who makes these parties possible, to the Boys' Work Committee of the Rotary Club of New York and, last, but definitely not leats, to Social Service, who in spite of the huge amount of work that they are swamped with, still manage to find time to make all the arrangements for these, the most wonderful parties the children have.

G.C.S.

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## ORTHOPAEDIC RESIDENTS

July 1st was Moving Day - new residents and Fellows for old ones. Dr. Cook took off from the top of the ladder and is now in Boston for his last year of training. Dr. Way moved to the spot the former vacated. Dr. Dingman got back from his vacation and promptly became embroiled in the Childrens' Service.

Dr. Milligan with a two week head start, is adjusting to the Private Service and Womens' Clinic. Dr. Burgess, also recovering from vacation, returned to take up Private Service and Polio. Dr. Shobe, wearing a red X, is custodian of the portable X-Ray machine. Dr. Curtis has semi-retired to do research for six months. Dr.Embick, having staggered through the first three months is rewarded with another three months of the same. Dr. Campbell was introduced to the service with a particularly bad first two days, but is still holding on. Dr. Smith left for Omaha where he is going into practice and his place is taken by Dr. Harris. Dr. Rhodes replaces Dr. Rabson who is going into practice in Philadelphia.

H.W.

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The girls in the Record Room recently gave a Bridal Shower to Cecelia Saviano who is to be married in August.

Never a dull moment on 3D. Dr. Bonomo, Emily Roberts and Dorothy Lewis.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, its off to work we go. Martha Madden, Martha Brooks and Katherine Kelliher.

Eleven P.M. at the Information Desk. Tommy Cannon watches Anna Shalling sign in.

## THE NIGHTINGALES CHIRP :

That Hazel Evans, their operating-room supervisor, will be sailing off on the S.S. Parthia on July 21st. We all wish her "Bon Voyage" on her well deserved holiday. She plans to go to London and yes -- of course Paris -- so we look forward to getting a few 1951 fashion hints when she returns. Perhaps she can tell us if the fashion center has turned to New York City ---- That the Rotary Club members deserve a great big hand of applause from us for the parties they give once a month to our little patients of 3C -- ice-cream, cake, favors, entertainment, and the works. The kids shout with glee every month at the antics of Mr. Shinn's puppet act.----- That the graduation exercises on June 30th of Public School 401 was held in the Lecture Hall. Mrs. Mary F. King, principal, gave an address and presented the diplomas. Mr. Keller also gave an address. Paula Southall, a former patient of 3D, sang a song for which she had written the words. Reverend Charles Brady gave the benediction. Other students took part in the program also making their graduation day one of the most enjoyable occasions ever held in the Hospital for Special Surgery. Refreshments followed the exercises.-------- That Miss Howard of Clinic and Miss Redjavage of 4C, who are both leaving H. S. S. next month will be given a tea in their honor on July 18th. We hope many will be present to say their farewells. We hate to lose these friends and we all wish them well in their futures. -------- That they are sorry to have one of their evening practical nurses, Miss Irene Lewis, ill and admitted to 3D last week. We hope that she will recover rapidly under our care.

********** E. B.

## RECORD ROOM

No, the Record Room doesn't have a new girl. That petite femme we see strolling around is no one else but Angele Morin. Yes, Angele had her tresses shorn! After nine long years, we finally convinced Angele to make like Samson and Delilah..... on second thought, all the girls seem to be following the leader lately, when it comes to haircuts - Caruso must cut like mad..... Irene Spiegal is vacationing in Massachusetts and Florence Davis will fly up to meet her this week-end..... Mary Aronson vacationing in Pennsylvania ..... if anyone hasn't heard, and I'm sure everyone probably has by this time, Lee Morrison became the proud aunt of a 5 lb.7 oz. little boy ---- two more girls joining the Klan - Helen Gounis and Nancy Coleman. Nancy was with us during vacation from school, but now that she had graduated, she hopes to stay on with us ..... On Friday, July 7, the Klan presented Miss Saviano with a surprise birthday party. Yes, lately we're full of surprises!!!

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dr. and Mrs. K. G. Hansson are sailing July 15 for a six weeks Vacation in Sweden. The department will miss Dr. Hansson but we all hope that he and Mrs. Hansson have a very pleasant trip. ---- Betty McCarthy Milan and husband, Jack, are now situated in Los Angeles, California. Jack owns a cocktail bar and they hope that if anyone is in that vicinity they will stop in. --- Miss Gerd Iversen has left H.S.S. for a vacation. We enjoyed having Miss Iversen here and wish her lots of luck.--- Miss Ingrid Westerborn from Gothenburg, Sweden is replacing Miss Iversen.

Miss Westerborn will be working at the Hospital for about six months. We hope she will enjoy her stay here.--- Ellen Steinhardt left in June for a vacation in England. Ellen plans to visit Scotland and Paris also. We hope she has a very nice trip. --- Mr. Edwin Soderman was admitted to the hospital for an operation but has left now for a few weeks vacation.--- Dr. Machek has returned from a two week vacation in the Allegheny Mountains.--- Mr. Christian Velde was married on June 3. The P.T. Department wishes Chris and his bride the best of luck

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## AMONG OURSELVES

Vacation time adds a few new faces to the Hospital while quite a few old ones return. We see Ed Brehm and Marianne Neilson, both of whom have been with us for the last three summers, Jean Keller and Geraldine Hannan ------- vacationing and taking advantage of the wonderful (?) weather we've been having lately -- Hector Colon, Joe Aviles, Betty Dunn and Evely Astorga ..... we're glad to see Mrs. Sternberg of the Brace Shop back with us again after an illness.... a new tooth ( his first one) is noted in the mouth of John Charles Miezerjewski, (the son of Betty Peters) ..... Mr. Heninway off for a month of freedom away from work? What's he going to do? Why, paint his house!!!!! ----- Hello to Denis O'Leary, Mr. Sullivan's new assistant --- Maintenance Department wishes Miss Cecelia Saviano the very best of luck on her forthcoming marriage in August. ---All the friends of George Beltran will be sorry to learn of his recent accident. Around June 1st while walking in his walker at his home in Mexico City, he fell when his walker tangled with a scatter rug and fractured his skull in three places. He was paralyzed on his entire left side. However, on discharge from the hospital June 28, his paralysis was beginning to disappear and the doctors feel that it will disappear in time.

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## SPECIAL GRADUATION EXERCISE

A special Graduation Exercise was held in our Lecture Hall last month. On June 20th, the entire graduating Class of eighteen boys and girls of the Montville, N.J. Grammar School accompanied by their teachers; School Supervisor , President of the Board of Education, families and friends came to the H.S.S. This was to present a diploma to a classmate, Sandra Helton of 3A, who has been here since April. After Press photographers had secured their "shots" the Class re-enacted the Commencement Exercises that had been held in Montville the day previous.

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## BRACE SHOP

It is probable that most of us know that Carl Raminger is flying to Europe for his vacation. But how many know the length of his itinerary or that this trip has been so exactly planned that he knows now the precise hour and minute he is due to arrive or depart from all places he intends to visit by plane, train or bus. He leaves Idlewild Airport at 4:00 P.M. on July 29th and before he lands again at the same place at 8:10 A.M. on September 4th, he will have visited and seen the places of interest in, London, Paris, Nice, Mentone, Monte Carlo, Genoa, Rome, Florence, Venice, Lausanne, Montreux, Interlaken, Luzerne, Oberammegau, Munich, Wurzburg and Frankfort!

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## ALUMNI NEWS

It's pretty thin pickings this month but we did read an interesting letter addressed to Mr. Keller from Docteur Jacques Durivage who writes from Montreal as follows:

"One of my desires after I left your Hospital was to be back in New York within three months. Hence, this letter was delayed from day to day. Now that it is proven that one cannot leave a growing private practice at will, it is time I let you know how much I appreciated being one of the residents and fellows at the Hospital for Special Surgery. As we are organizing an Arthritis Unit here at the Hotel-Dieu Hospital, I realize how gratifying it is to have worked in a so well organized institution." Needless to say, we find it encouraging to receive such a pleasant letter from an Alumnus.

We hear that postcards have appeared around the building from Dr. Kuscu who as of a week ago had reached France en route to Turkey.

For news of other former residents, see note on Kim Barrett's trip to Boston.

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## MORE PEREGRINATIONS, MEETINGS, etc.

Mrs. Kim Barrett, our Medical Librarian, attended the International Convention of the Medical Library Association in Boston from June 19th to the 22nd. Mrs. Barrett found the convention both interesting and stimulating and says that she finds great interest in our library at all these meetings. On her return Mrs. Barrett brought three guests, librarians from Temple University, Emory University, and Wayne County (Michigan) General Hospital, who came to visit our library. While in Boston, Mrs. Barrett saw Dr. and Mrs. Roger Davis and visited Boston City Hospital whose fracture service is so well known. Kim reports that Dr. Davis is staying on in Boston for another six months, and that she also saw Dr. and Mrs. Kelvin Magill - it seems that Dr. Magill had an accident some months ago and was laid up for six weeks with a leg injury but is now at least hobbling around. He and Kim must have had a fine time hobbling together. Mrs. Barrett suggests that we are rapidly developing a "Boston Branch" of Special Surgery: Dr. Clarence Cook has just joined Dr. Davis in Beantown, and come October Dr. Howard Way is going up to Children's Hospital.

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Vacations will so completely deplete the Editorial and Reportorial Staff of this paper during the next six weeks that no"Record and Chronicle " will be published in August.

A HAPPY VACATION TO YOU ALL!

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